

STATE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.I. ESTIMATED WINTER LAMBING, 1931.

Lambs marked 1,900,000 - 76%.

From information collected direct from representative Sheep Owners and from the Police Collectors in the various Districts of the State, the winter lambing has been estimated. The reports range from good to mostly very good in every District. When conditions are favorable, many owners have re-mated the ewes in the effort to speedily rebuild the strength of flocks. The lambing on actual markings is estimated at 76% returning 1,900,000 lambs from 2,480,000 Ewes. This is the best lambing for many years.

	Ewes Mated		Lambs marked		Percentage	
	1930	1931	1930	1931	1930	1931
Within Counties	2,003,582	2,050,000	1,149,575	1,540,000	57	75
Outside Counties	411,711	430,000	219,425	360,000	53	84
Total State	2,415,293	2,480,000	1,369,000	1,900,000	56	76
Increase	-	64,707	-	531,000	-	20

II. SPRING LAMBING. - It is usual to reserve about 100,000 Ewes for Spring Lambing. The number re-mated will probably reach 200,000 and should be added.

III. STRENGTH OF FLOCKS about June 30, 1931. Including the winter lambing estimated above, the sheep flocks probably numbered 7,000,000 about June 30th.

IV. SLAUGHTERING, Year 1930. 1,308,976 (1,242,835), Sheep and Lambs. Year 1931 six months - 675,000 (650,000).

V. WOOL LOCALLY USED IN FACTORIES. Year 1930-31. 785,495 (827,249) lbs. in the grease.

VI. WOOLSCOURING AND FELLMONGERING WORKS. 8,086,027 (9,827,428) lbs. greasy wool were treated, and the equivalent of 1,923,199 (2,315,889) lbs. of greasy wool was obtained from the Sheep-skins and pieces stripped.

VII. STOCKS OF WOOL &c. JUNE 30th, 1931. The stocks held on June 30th, 1931 by Woollen Mills, Scourers and Wool and Skins Merchants were - Greasy Wool 4,152,346 (4,868,091) lbs; Scoured Wool 192,417 (144,616) lbs; and Sheep Skins with Wool on, No. 185,190 (124,662).

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